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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1712**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No.: 10/071,469 Confirmation No.: 1045  
Applicant(s): Bentley *et al.*  
Filed: February 8, 2002  
Art Unit: 1712  
Examiner: Metzmaier, Daniel S.  
Title: HETEROBIFUNCTIONAL POLY(ETHYLENE GLYCOL) DERIVATIVES  
AND METHODS FOR THEIR PREPARATION

Docket No.: 034848/234789  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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